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Re:

Second Submittal, Link Canyon Substation #2 Relocation, Cart on Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO

Mine M&RP ACT/04 002-AM99G

Dear Permit Supervisor:

The enclosed copies of materials are being submitted to update the Link Canyon Substation Relocation Amendment submitted on November 23, 1999. Attached are DOGM forms C-1 and C-2 and appropriate pages and Plates 3-3 and 5-2E for modification of the Link Canyon Substation Revision Amendment to the MRP.

These pages and Plates 3-3 and 5-2E have been revised to address the deficiencies in the Division letter dated January 20, 2000, and need to replace the pages in the original submittal binder.

The deficiencies and responses to the Link Canyon Substation are:

1. **R645-301-322**

• According to information from the Division of Wildlife Resources, golden eagle nest 31 is not shown in the correct location on Plate 3-3. The applicant needs to confirm the location of this nest and modify Plate 3-3 if necessary.

Response: Plate 3-3 has been modified and updated to reflect the new numbering system that the DWR is using now on there raptor surveys. Text pages 3-6 and 3-7 have been updated for the new 1999 Raptor Survey which is included in Appendix 3-4 of the MRP.

2. R645-301-120, R645-301-222, and R645-301-223

♦ The survey report does not include laboratory analyses results or a discussion on soil chemical characterization. There are inconsistencies between the text and Soils Map A within the Order 1 soil survey for soil descriptions, map units and soil families.

Response: A discussion regarding the results of the sample analysis of the soils obtained by EIS in October 1999 has been attached to Appendix 2-6. The inconsistencies between the text and Soils Map A have been corrected.

3. R645-301-224 and R645-301-232.200

Soil Unit D side-cast soil materials need to be sampled and characterized for suitability as substitute topsoil since native topsoil is scarce and salvage of native soils provides very limited topsoil resources available for soil redistribution.

Response: A soils pit was excavated in Soils Unit D on January 28, 2000. A description of the soil was obtained as well as samples of the two soils identified in the pit. The samples have been shipped to IML in Sheridan Wyoming but analysis results are not expected for 3 to 4 weeks. Since this material originated from the deeper soils of Soil Unit B, SUFCo has assumed at this time material will be suitable for reclamation. If, for any reason, the results of the analysis of these soils indicate they are not suitable for reclamation, SUFCo will take steps to repair the situation.

4. **R645-301-333**

• The applicant should commit to not begin construction during the raptor nesting season unless surveys show that nests within one-half mile of the disturbance are not being used.

Response: The commitment for the construction activity during the raptor nesting season has been revised on pages 3-34 and 3-35 in the MRP.

5. **R645-301-231.100**

• An on-site soils specialist qualified in making field soil salvage determinations should be present during soil salvage operations.

Response: SUFCo has committed to have a qualified person on site during construction to observe and direct the removal and storage of soils.

6. R645-301-232.200, R645-301-232.720 and R645-301-233

Provide additional soil resources to meet revegetation requirements. Based on soil suitability findings, Unit-D side cast soil materials may provide additional substitute topsoil resource material to augment the limited amounts of native, undisturbed topsoil resources. If adequate quantities of substitute topsoil resources cannot be obtained from the site, then soil borrow will be needed.

Response: As discussed in a meeting between Division and CFC personnel on January 27, 1999, all available soils will be used during final reclamation to return the site to AOC and for revegetation. The site was disturbed prior to SMCRA and no soil salvage occurred. However, the results of excavating a soil pit in Soil Unit D indicate additional soils beyond what was originally assumed in the EIS report will be available for final reclamation. SUFCo has committed to salvaging all available suitable soils.

7. **R645-301-742**

• The designs are unclear (page 7-28) as to the route the undisturbed runoff takes after leaving the undisturbed drainage ditch, whether it flows down the road or across the road. In either case, the applicant should provide information on both the drainage course and erosion protection of the channel.

Response: Text has been added on page 7-28 to clarify the route the undisturbed runoff takes after leaving the undisturbed drainage ditch. Plate 5-2E has been revised to show the flow route of the existing Link Canyon Road ditch. Diversion drainage runoff and erosion protection calculations and designs are located in Appendix 7-12 of the MRP.

8. R645-301-742

• Plate 5-2E needs to show how water will be prevented from flowing down the pad access road. If there is any potential for water from the pad to overtop the water containment berm, sediment control measures must be developed to prevent off-site migration.

Response: Plate 5-2E has been revised to show the flow route of the existing Link Canyon Road ditch. Water flow down the pad access road area sediment control and runoff calculations are located in Appendix 7-15 as Alternate Sediment Control Area #7 (ASCA #7). The spill prevention containment berm around the substation pad area was designed to contain the required 10 year storm event and the total amount of oil contained in the transformer if it ever had a leak along with the required 0.3 feet of freeboard.

9. **R645-301-242.110**

 Provide additional soil resources to meet adequate revegetation requirements consistent with the approved post-mining land use.

Response: See responses to deficiencies 3 and 6.

10. **R645-301-341**

• The applicant will be responsible for revegetation of the entire site, and it is not clear from information in the application whether it will be possible to successfully revegetate areas previously disturbed by mining using the proposed plan. The application needs to include adequate soil information to make this determination, and it is doubtful whether vegetation can be successfully established on weathered sandstone and shale or on just 1.8 inches of topsoil over this kind of material.

Response: As stated in the responses to deficiencies 3 and 6, SUFCo is committed to salvaging all available suitable soils for reclamation. The additional volume of soil found in Soil Unit D should significantly increase the volume of soils available for reclamation. A conservative estimate of 118 CY of soils available for reclamation of the disturbed area has been calculated based on the recent site investigation. The disturbed acreage is approximately 5,227 square feet. A cover of approximately 7.3-inches will result from the 118 CY. As stated previously, the 118 CY is a conservative estimate and additional soils are anticipated to be available.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mike Davis at (435) 286-4880.

Sincerely,

CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC

SUFCO Mine

Kenneth E. May General Manager

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☐ Yes X No 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?

☐ Yes X No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?

☐ Attach ___ complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?

abscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of <u>February 2000</u>

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Application for Permit Processing Detailed Schedule of Changes to the MRP

Title of Application:

AM99G - Second Submittal - Link Canyon Substation Relocation

Amendment.

Permit Number: ACT/041/002

Mine: SUFCO MINE

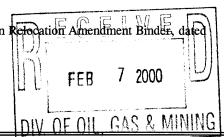
Permittee: CANYON FUEL CO., LLC

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing mining and reclamation plan. Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.

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□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 2-11and 2-14 in Chapter 2, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
X ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 3-6 to 3-7A, in Chapter 3, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 3-34 to 3-35A in Chapter 3, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Page 5-41, in Chapter 5, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 7-28 to 29A, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
X ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Plate 3-3 in Chapter 3, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
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□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Replace EIS Soils Map A in Link Canyon Substation No. 2 Soils Report at the back of Appendix 2-6, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
X ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Addition to Link Canyon Substation No. 2 revised Soils Report at the back of Appendix 2-6, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Add 1999 Raptor Survey at the back of Appendix 3-4, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

These updated and additional pages and plates need to be inserted in the Link Canyon Substation Relocation Amendment Binder, dat November 1999.



Form	DOGM	- C2	(Last	Revised	February	1. 2000)

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Detailed	Schedule	of	Changes	to	the MRP	

Title of Application:

AM99G - Link Canyon Substation Relocation Amendment.

Complete List of Changes for Original Submittal (11/23/1999), and Second Submittal

(02/07/2000).

Permit Number: ACT/041/002

Mine: SUFCO MINE

Permittee: CANYON FUEL CO., LLC

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□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 1-36 and 1-37 in Chapter 1, Volume 1 of MRP.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 2-2ii, 2-2iii, 2-2, 2-3, 2-8, and 2-10 to 2-22 in Chapter 2, Volume 1 of MRP.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 3-6 to 3-7A, and 3-34 to 3-35A in Chapter 3, Volume 1 of MRP.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 5-v, 5-vi, 5-39, 5-41, 5-42, 5-44, 5-58, 5-58A, 5-66, and 5-67 in Chapter 5, Volume 1 of MRP.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Pages 7-28 to 29A, 7-47, 7-51 to 7-56, 7-58 to 7-61, 7-69, and 7-73 to 7-75 in Chapter 7, Volume 2 of MRP.
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Plate 3-3 in Chapter 3, Volume 1 of MRP.
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Add new Plate 5-2E in Chapter 5, Volume 1 of MRP.
X ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Link Canyon Substation No. 2 Soil Investigations at the back of Appendix 2-6, Volume 4 of MRP.
X ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Add 1999 Raptor Survey at the back of Appendix 3-4, of Link Canyon Amendment Binder.
X ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Cultural Resource Evaluation addendum at back of Link Canyon Substation evaluation in Appendix 4-2, Volume 6 of MRP.
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Add new pages of Revised Bond calculations at the front of Appendix 5-9, Volume 6 of MRP.
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Add new pages of diversion ditch calculations at the back of Appendix 7-12, Volume 10 of MRP
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan? This form includes all revised pages for the Link Canyon Substation Relocation Amendment originally submitted on Notice 23, 19 and the revised pages for the deficiency responses submitted. This form when approved will combine and supersede the Original form submitted on November 23, 1999, and the Second submittal form submitted on February 7, 2000.

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